

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 10, 14-15, 18, 22, 25, 32, 41, 45-46, 49, 53, 56, 63, and 64 are amended, and claims 1-64 are pending in the application. A Request for Continued Examination is concurrently amended to permit entry of this Amendment.

Claims 1-6, 13-23, 27-37, 44-54, and 58-64 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,612 to Gifford et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed to the extent that Gifford neither discloses nor suggests the features as originally specified in claims 15, 18, 21, 27, 30, 31, 46, 49, 52, 58, or 62.

In particular, the independent claims 1, 22, 32, and 53 have been amended to specify that each stored message on the IP-based messaging server is stored within a corresponding e-mail message as a URL encoded string with the corresponding header information.

Each of the independent claims also have been amended to specify that the prescribed voice messaging operation is one of (A) requesting storage in the IP-based messaging server of a first message having been generated according to a media type with a corresponding MIME type, or (B) presenting in the HTML page a second message, having been stored in the IP-based messaging server, according to a corresponding media type.

Finally, each of the independent claims as amended specify converting between the media type of the message associated with the prescribed messaging operation and the corresponding e-mail message having the URL encoded string and the MIME type specified in the header of the e-mail.

Hence, the claimed application server is able to store any type of message within the message store, regardless of the corresponding media type, based on converting the message into a generic format message that is represented as a URL encoded string, and specifying the original MIME type within an e-mail header, and then attaching the URL encoded string and the header specifying the MIME type within the e-mail for storage in the messaging server.

These and other features are neither disclosed nor suggested in the applied prior art.

Gifford et al. teaches attaching an HTML document, or XML document, to an e-mail to provide embedded URL links for providing a user interface for access and control of online services including playback of voice, fax messages.

However, Gifford assumes e-mail messages are sent with conventional MIME-encoded attachments (see, e.g., col. 6, lines 56-61).

None of the applied references (Gifford, Scheussler, Bettis, or McCormick), singly or in combination, disclose or suggest: (1) an IP-based messaging server, where each message is stored in the form of a URL encoded string; or (2) converting messages between the corresponding media type and the e-mail message (having the corresponding URL encoded string and the header specifying the MIME type) for transfer between the browser and the IP-based messaging server.

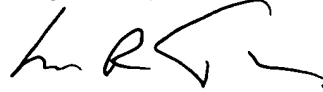
For these and other reasons, the §102 rejections should be withdrawn.

The rejections under §103 of claims 7-8, 9-12, 24-26, 40-43, 55-57 are moot in view of the foregoing.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is and condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any missing or insufficient fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), to Deposit Account No. 50-1130, under Order No. 95-415, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. R. Turkevich', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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